



# **GREENSBORO URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

## **TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**August 25, 2004**

**10:00 a.m. Greensboro, NC**

**Blue Room**

**(County Commissioners' Briefing Room)**

**Old Guilford County Courthouse**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Tyler Meyer	GDOT/MPO	Heidi Galanti	Greensboro Planning
Jeff Sovich	GDOT/MPO	Frank Wyatt	Greensboro Engineering & Inspections
Craig McKinney	GDOT/MPO	Adam Fischer	GDOT
Peggy Holland	GDOT/MPO	Chris Spencer	GDOT
Kimberly Hinton	NCDOT, TPB	Kelly Doss	GDOT
Dick Hails	Greensboro Planning	James Madden	GDOT
Libby James	GTA		

Tyler Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:10 p.m.

### **Action Items**

#### **1. Approve Minutes of July 22, 2004**

Frank Wyatt moved for approval of the minutes. Heidi Galanti seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes as prepared.

#### **2. GTA 04-10 MTIP Transit Amendment**

Jeff Sovich advised that GTA has recently developed and published its program of projects for fiscal year 2005. This list will be the subject of a public hearing on September 7. The program details the projects that GTA will be undertaking during FY 2005. There are two projects that result in the need for amending the 2004 – 2010 MTIP. Specifically, project TO-4783, Operating Assistance is amended to include \$1,588,251 in Section 5307 federal operating assistance funds. Initial guidance from the NCDOT Public Transportation Division stated that as a result of its direct apportionment status, GTA would no longer be eligible for federal operating assistance. However, because the US Congress has not

yet ratified a reauthorization of the surface transportation legislation, GTA will be eligible for federal operating assistance for FY 2005. This project also includes an increase in State Maintenance and Planning (SMAP) funds from \$928,876 to \$1,336,979. As a result of the increased federal and state components of this project, the local participation is reduced from \$4.8 million to \$2.9 million. The net funding total for this project increases from \$5.7 million to \$5.8 million.

Project TP-4709, Transit Planning Assistance is amended to include a new discretionary allocation of \$58,496 in Section 5303 Federal Planning Assistance funds. However, the amount of federal Section 5307 funds allocated to this project has been decreased from \$200,000 to \$100,000. As a result, the net funding total for this project decreases from \$250,000 to \$198,120. The requested action is to approve the amendment as presented.

Frank Wyatt moved to approve the amendment as presented; Kimberly Hinton seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented.

### **3. Thoroughfare Plan Adoption**

Jeff Sovich advised that the development of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan provided an excellent opportunity to prepare a comprehensive update to the MPO's Thoroughfare Plan. This update has been prepared with coordination with staff from key stakeholders within the MPO, as well as neighboring MPOs. The update corrects various errors that have been identified and re-designates various facilities to better match their actual function within the transportation network. There are over 140 changes recommended in this update. The requested action is to adopt the Thoroughfare Plan update as presented.

Tyler Meyer advised that this update is the first comprehensive revision of the Thoroughfare Plan since its adoption in 1989.

Libby James moved to approve the revised Thoroughfare Plan as presented; Heidi Galanti seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the revised Thoroughfare Plan as presented.

### **4. Conformity Finding on the Long Range Transportation Plan**

Tyler Meyer advised that the Conformity Finding formally states that the Long Range Transportation Plan has been developed in a way that complies with federal air quality regulations. The Conformity Finding also states that the results of detailed air quality analysis show that estimated future year emissions will fall below the budget for each pollutant type. A finding that the LRTP conforms to air quality standards and federal transportation requirements is needed prior to adoption of the LRTP. The requested action is to find the LRTP and the 2004-2010 MTIP, which is a subset of the LRTP, in conformity with federal air quality and transportation regulations.

Kimberly Hinton moved to approve the Conformity Finding as presented; Frank Wyatt seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the Conformity Finding as presented.

### **5. 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Adoption**

Tyler Meyer advised that over the course of the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan process, staff have reported on findings of the public involvement activities and technical analyses. The LRTP is the result of an extensive public involvement process that consisted of 14 public meetings held throughout

the MPO area, including the incorporated towns. The LRTP lists a series of future transportation investments recommended to be implemented by 2014, 2020, 2030. The process also included an environmental screening and assessment of the projects listed for each horizon year. The plan being presented today for your consideration is consistent with the City of Greensboro's Comprehensive Plan objectives for transportation, and with the Guilford County land use plans for unincorporated areas and the five incorporated towns. Upon its adoption, the LRTP will be submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration for review. Pending FHWA and FTA approval, the LRTP will then become effective October 1. The requested action is to adopt the 2030 LRTP as presented.

Jeff Sovich advised that the full text of the 2030 LRTP, as well as the full text of the accompanying Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Public Involvement Results are available on the MPO's web site at <http://www.ci.greensboro.nc.us/lrtp/>.

Adam Fischer moved to approve the 2030 LRTP as presented; Kimberly Hinton seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2030 LRTP as presented.

### **Business / Potential Action Items**

#### **1. Guilford County Road Renaming Proposal**

Jeff Sovich advised the committee in the absence of Mark Kirstner of the Guilford County Community Development Department. Guilford County is proposing to rename two segments of Vickery Chapel Road. The segment from Business 85 to the present Grandover Parkway intersection would be renamed to Guilford College Road. This change would ensure that there is an interchange on Business 85 that would be signed for Guilford College Road, directing northbound traffic to that facility once the construction of the new alignment portion is complete. The segment from the present Grandover Parkway intersection to High Point Road would be renamed to Grandover Parkway. This change would help to prevent emergency service problems that would result from splitting Vickery Chapel Road into two discontinuous segments, located on opposite sides of Business 85. This proposal is still in the conceptual stage. Mark Kirstner will present additional information at the next TCC meeting.

#### **2. MPO Strategic Reports**

Tyler Meyer advised that the North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations will be holding its annual conference October 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. As with previous years, this conference is expected to include many excellent and informative sessions.

MPO staff are considering canceling the September MPO meetings due to potential lack of agenda items. Beginning with the next TCC meeting, the scheduled start and end times will be changed to 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., respectively, in order to better accommodate Jim Westmoreland's schedule.

### **Other Items**

#### **1. TCC Member Report**

None.

The TCC adjourned at 11:00 a.m.